

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – August 4, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Higgins, Cioni, Boyle, McDonald, Housel, Valentine - Present

Also Present: Richard Phelan, Borough Manager
Leslie Parikh , Esq. Municipal Attorney
Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk

Mayor McDonald led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor McDonald read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Justin Jewell

Mayor McDonald asked Mr. Jewell if he owns or rents his home in the Borough. Mr. Jewell stated he is a homeowner. Justin stated that he is a volunteer fireman. He ran for a Council seat in 2008 and feels he could bring good ideas and enthusiasm to the Council. He has resided in the Borough since 2004 and is happy making his home here. Councilman Higgins asked Mr. Jewell what his reasons were for running for Council. Mr. Jewell stated he sees a need for change and accountability. Councilman Higgins asked Mr. Jewell what he thinks is the biggest issue facing the Borough right now. Mr. Jewell explained he feels it is the municipal budget and tax increases. Councilman Boyle asked Mr. Jewell if his opinions have changed at all since the original interview. Mr. Jewell stated that his opinions have not changed and he is most concerned with lowering taxes and the quality of life for citizens of the Borough. Councilman Housel stated that in this form of government, Council sets goals and policies, where do you see yourself fitting in with this Council? Mr. Jewell stated he will devote as much time as needed and will volunteer his time to the Borough whenever necessary specifically in the area of research. Councilman Cioni asked how Justin will handle an opposing vote for an ordinance or resolution. Mr. Jewell stated that he will stand by his opinion. If anyone has any questions regarding how I voted I am always available to discuss. Councilman Valentine asked Mr. Jewell to explain how he would conduct his research on important items coming up before Council. Mr. Jewell explained that garbage collection is an important

current issue facing the Council. He would research by calling other municipalities whose citizens pay for private garbage collection, comparing service and costs.

Jeanine Gleba

Mrs. Gleba stated that she owns her home with her husband in the Borough. She has been involved with many things over the years and is ready to become involved in her own community. Mayor McDonald asked if Mrs. Gleba felt that there could potentially be a conflict of interest with her husband serving as the Planning Board Engineer. Mrs. Gleba explained that she would abstain from any vote that involved her husband. Mrs. Gleba explained she was the person behind Grace's Law and is certainly not afraid of State Legislatures with all of her efforts having Grace's Law enacted. She stated she believes that this would be an asset to the Borough. Councilman Higgins asked what she feels the number one issue of the Borough is. Mrs. Gleba stated she feels the number one issue facing the Borough is fiscal responsibility. She would work to find ways to lower expenses and taxes however; she realizes there are certain necessary evils. Councilman Higgins asked why she didn't run in the recent primary election. She stated that she needed the confidence from the Republican Committee in order to pursue it and at the same time was extremely involved in Grace's Law. Councilman Boyle stated there are many responsibilities that go along with being on Council. Would she be able to commit herself to the time requirements. Mrs. Gleba stated that she will be able to commit herself to the responsibilities of Council. Councilman Housel stated this form of government purposely limits Council's involvement with the day to day operations of the Borough. Mrs. Gleba stated she actually prefers it that way and would rather focus her attention on larger projects and committees. Councilman Cioni asked how she would handle voting no for an ordinance or resolution. Mrs. Gleba stated she would vote no if the ordinance or resolution did not benefit a majority of the citizens. She stated that she would always try to have an alternate solution. Councilman Valentine asked what type of projects she would want to participate in as a member of Council. She stated she would like to see more community involvement. People have to realize that if you want your property values to increase they need to invest in their community.

Daniel Aron

Mr. Aron stated he owns his own home in the Borough. He also stated he wants to give his time to the Borough and would like to make a difference. Councilman Higgins asked what he thinks the biggest issue is facing the Borough. Mr. Aron stated it is infrastructure and the downtown. When the economy turns around, the infrastructure needs to be a focus for the Borough, on and the Borough will need to consider budgeting for those items. Councilman Boyle noted that serving on Council requires commitment and fortitude. Mr. Aron stated that he has served on the Planning Board for 8 months now and has never missed a meeting. He also explained he owns his own business and has time to designate to different committees. Councilman Housel stated that this form of government requires Council to set goals and policies. How does he see himself fitting in with this Council. Mr. Aron stated he would definitely get out and talk to the people. He

would not vote on an item based on his opinion alone. Councilman Cioni asked how he would handle voting no on a particular ordinance or resolution. Mr. Aron stated that he would discuss upcoming items with citizens and would hope that if he voted no, he would be able to bring alternate solutions to the table. Councilman Valentine asked what type of issues he would like to be involved in. He would like to focus his time on recreation, children, and infrastructure.

At this time a motion was made by Housel, seconded by Cioni to enter Executive Session.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 153-2009
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-6 *et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A.* 40:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A.* 40:4-12:

_____A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

_____A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract: _____);

_____A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed; Real Estate Acquisitions

_____Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

_____Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (The general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is: _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

_____Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: _____ OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.);

Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is: OR personnel the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists.;

_____Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated to be: SIX MONTHS (estimated length of time) OR upon the occurrence of _____;

Councilman Cioni asked the Borough Manager if the funds are available. Borough Manager stated that the Borough would need to budget for the entire amount in January and submit vouchers to the County to be reimbursed for their half throughout the year. Councilman Boyle asked what the alliance would be sacrificing if the town did not match the grant 100%. Ms. Repsher stated the alliance would be sacrificing transportation to activities such as Dorney Park, etc.

Councilman Higgins motioned to approve the entire amount of the cash match for the Municipal Alliance, seconded by Councilman Boyle.

Councilman Cioni stated that in this financial climate he would prefer to give the Alliance the 1/3 cash match of \$1958.00.

Roll Call: Higgins, Boyle, McDonald, Valentine – Yes
Cioni, Housel – No
Gleba – Abstain

Ayes: 4, Nays: 2
Abstain: 1
Motion Carried

MINUTES:

Mayor McDonald entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 21, 2009.

Hearing none, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Higgins that the minutes be approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Abstain: 1 (Gleba)
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Frank LeClair Re: OEM Position

Interviews will be scheduled with the Borough Manager and Mayor for this position.

Motion made by Cioni, seconded by Valentine to receive and file the communication.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Abstain: 1 (Gleba)
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

**Kurt Klausfelder, Washington Borough Fire Chief
9 Valley View Terrace**

Chief Klausfelder thanked the Mayor, Council, and Borough Manager for all of the work done on the fire bays to accommodate the new fire truck. This was truly a team effort and very much appreciated. Chief Klausfelder also noted that the Fire Department will take care of the ceiling tiles relating to the project.

Joe Tedesco

Mr. Tedesco explained to Council he wanted to discuss taxes, the possibility of recruiting an anchor store for the downtown, and parking. An anchor store will bring necessary commerce to the area. The Borough Council needs to consider offering tax abatements to lure a large corporation to the area. This will bring necessary paychecks to the borough. Councilman Cioni explained that the BID has been working diligently to attract businesses in the downtown area. Councilman Housel also noted that part of the redevelopment plan allows for a large medical building downtown. Councilman Cioni stated the BID is undertaking the parking lot effort downtown. Mr. Tedesco also stated that businesses in the Borough should be receiving tax breaks due to the economy. Councilman Higgins explained that the Borough Council has already adopted a Borough Ordinance allowing for a five year tax abatement. Mr. Tedesco would like to see this Council and the BID do more to attract businesses and especially a large corporation to the area.

Bob Prusnick – ARC - Warrant County Chapter –

Mr. Prusnick stated that the ARC is applying for a Small Cities Community development Block Grant again this year for energy savings. The State of NJ has offered to give us another grant this year. He hopes the Council will positively consider the Resolution before them this evening. The ARC and the Borough have been great partners in the past. The ARC appreciates everything the Borough does for them.

Sandy Cerami Executive Director - BID

Ms. Cerami updated the Council on the bid process for the downtown parking lot. The BID has received fourteen bids so far. The bid opening is scheduled for August 13, 2009. She thanked the Borough Council for their cooperation and all of their hard work.

Christina Woykowski 24 South Prospect St.

Ms. Woykowski wanted to bring to the Council's attention that Council had previously adopted Resolution 101-2009 which was a resolution authorizing the Borough Charter will be placed on the website. She stated that this still needs to happen.

She also noted, regarding the Borough finances, there is a need for more accountability. The Borough has made a lot of good progress on the administration side; however Council has never met to discuss making improvements on the side of the policy makers. She stated that she found that 20% of states have their financial statements on municipal websites. We need to offer ours on the website as well. She stated that she had taken the liberty of preparing a draft Resolution regarding this and respectfully requests that Council consider this at their next meeting.

Ms. Woykowski also explained that she has been asked by several council members to tie up the loose ends with the finance committee. One of the outstanding items is regarding the financial reports. Ms. Woykowski provided a sample of a report that she would like to see based upon the needs as Council identified them. She also stated that she would like to see council approve the bill list with a separation of sewer and general accounts. There is no reason why they should be together.

Councilman Cioni noted that he is part of the website committee and the finance committee. The finance portion of the website is prepared and the only requirement is sending the reports to the website company for uploading.

Motion made by Higgins to close the audience portion of the meeting, seconded by Housel.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 11-2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Public Hearing/Adoption)

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to introduce **Ordinance #11-2009**.

Ordinance 11-2009 was moved by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilman Housel.

It was further moved by Cioni, seconded by Housel that the Clerk read Ordinance #11-2009 by title only.

The Clerk read Ordinance #11-2009 by title only and stated that this ordinance had been published in the Star Gazette as required by law; a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request from the Clerk's office.

Roll Call: Higgins, Boyle, Valentine, Cioni, Housel, McDonald
Gleba -abstain

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Abstain: 1
Motion carried.

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-2009 on final adoption.

Motion made by Housel, seconded by Cioni to adopt Ordinance 11-2009 on final adoption.

Roll Call: Housel, McDonald, Cioni, Valentine, Boyle, Higgins
Gleba - abstain

Ayes: 6, Nays:
Abstain: 1

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 11-2009

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY
REGARDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Whereas, Section 94-9 entitled "Boards of Adjustment" of Chapter 94 entitled "Zoning and Land Development" of the Code of the Borough of Washington is amended to read as follows (deleted text shown as strikethrough, new text shown as bold):

§ 94-9. Board of Adjustment.

C. Appeals and applications.

(1) Appeals to the Board of Adjustment may be taken by any interested party within **twenty (20)** ~~sixty-five (5)~~ days of the action by the officer from whom the appeal was

taken. Three (3) copies of the notice of appeal shall be filed with the administrative officer specifying the grounds for the appeal. The officer from whom the appeal is taken shall transmit to the Board all the papers constituting the record. Motion Carried

REPORTS:

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Boyle, to receive and file the following reports.

1. Zoning/Code Enforcement
2. Issues and Details Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Committee: No Report

DPW Garage: No Report

Sewer Committee: No Report

Streets Committee: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Shared Services Committee: No Report

Senior Services: No Report

Website Committee: - Councilman Cioni informed Council he has made some small changes to the website as he mentioned earlier. He also has a meeting with members of the recreation committee to discuss their portion of the website and changes they would like to see.

Concession Stand Committee – No Report

Recreation Report – No Report

Parking Lot Committee – No Report

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Mayor McDonald entertained questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payments that were not previously addressed before the meeting. Motion made by Cioni, seconded by Valentine to pay the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,075,570.82.

Councilman Higgins asked if there are any half payments on this bill list. Manager Phelan stated yes the Regional School payment is the second half of the payment and the Borough Schools is the first half of the payment.

Roll Call: Boyle, Higgins, Valentine, McDonald, Housel, Cioni
Gleba - Abstain

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Abstain: 1
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Municipal Garbage Collection/Budget

Manager Phelan explained that he is not asking Council to change their minds regarding the decision to go out to bid for garbage collection; however there has been a lot of debt incurred over the course of the past 8 to 12 years that is now coming due. He stated that he brings this to Council's attention so that they are aware there will be a debt payment of \$200,000.00 next year. This means the Borough will need to apply for extraordinary aid next year as well. Councilman Higgins asked if this means the Borough residents will not see a reduction in taxes if we privatize the garbage pickup. Manager Phelan stated yes. The debt is very high for the borough at 1.93%. Manager Phelan stated he is just asking that Council re-visit privatizing garbage collection.

Councilman Higgins clarified that this year's debt payment was \$600,000 and next year's is \$750,000; in reality that is only an additional \$150,000. Manager Phelan agreed.

Councilman Higgins stated it would be more cost effective to buy a garbage truck and hire two people to do the garbage pickup in the Borough.

A motion was made by Councilman Higgins to continue with the bid process, with a six month opt out clause while at the same time researching the purchase of our own truck. This motion was seconded by Councilman Boyle.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Boyle to recess for a ten minute break.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 152-2009 Resolution Amending Resolution 99-2006 State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Program

Resolution 152-2009 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Cioni and adopted.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, McDonald, Valentine, Boyle - Yes
Gleba, Higgins – Abstain

RESOLUTION # 152 2009

A RESOLUTION **FOR AMENDING RESOLUTION 99-2006** **STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** **SMALL CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Program (“State”), provides grants to municipal and county governments and grants nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Department) purposes to amend Agreement 2006-02292-4093-00 dated April 30, 2008 with Amendment, 2006-02292-4093-01 between the Department and the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Department) may implement additional ancillary amendment purposes and agreement changes in addition to those which may have been requested to additional **\$169,000.00 in new funds thereby raising the total award amount from \$400,000.00 to \$569,000.00 to fund the following project:**

ARC of Warren County – Building Renovations & Repairs

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey resolves that Richard D. Phelan or the successor to the office of Borough Manager is hereby authorized to accept the Award Amount of **\$169,000.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey:

1. That the Mayor of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement any amendment thereto with the State known as the ARC of Warren County Building Renovations & Repairs.
2. That the applicant is making applications for and by the ARC of Warren County.
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the ARC of Warren County has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project.
4. The project will be implemented by the ARC and that the project quotes have been obtained and the ARC is ready to schedule preconstruction meetings and execute agreements for the construction work
5. That the ARC of Warren County agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 154-2009 Temporary Budget

Resolution 154-2009 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Valentine and adopted.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, McDonald, Valentine, Boyle, Higgins – Yes
Gleba – Abstain

RESOLUTION #154-2009

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDING
TEMPORARY BUDGET CURRENT FUND
APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2009 Current Fund Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby make the following amendment to the temporary appropriations:

TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS-2009 CURRENT FUND BUDGET

TO COVER ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS-\$1,037,820.00

Resolution 155-2009 Overpayment of the Borough's Sewer Service Charge

Resolution 155-2009 was moved on a motion made by Cioni, seconded by Valentine and adopted.

Roll Call: Cioni, Valentine, Housel, McDonald, Higgins, Boyle – Yes
Gleba – Abstain

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Abstain: 1
Motion Carried

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF
AN OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE**

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u>
71.01/10	Davis, Margaret 25 Flower Avenue	\$ 45.00

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$45.00 should be mailed to:

Margaret Davis
2555 Stephens Street
Easton, PA 18045

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to refund the above overpayment amount.

Resolution 156-2009 Overpayment of the Borough's Sewer Service Charge

Resolution 156-2009 was moved on a motion made by Cioni, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

Roll Call: Cioni, Higgins, Boyle, McDonald, Valentine, Housel
Gleba – Abstain

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Abstain: 1
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #156-2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF
AN OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE**

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u>
93/12	Buckley, Paul & Lorraine 52 Youmans Avenue	\$ 45.00

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$45.00 should be mailed to:

Paul & Lorraine Buckley
1 Woodcrest Drive
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to refund the above overpayment amount.

RECAP

Manager Phelan will include the 100% cash match for the municipal alliance in the 2010 budget. He will work with the Mayor to schedule the OEM Coordinator interviews. He will also prepare the digital information for the website.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Cioni welcomed the new council member.

Councilman Valentine also welcomed the new Council member and thanked the other participants for being willing to perform their civic duty.

Councilman Boyle stated he has a few things for the Borough Manager to look into regarding the recreation committee. He would like the manager to see if there is money remaining from the pool renovation project. Also, are we able to tell from our water bills what is used by the Borough pool. There was also a question regarding how much electricity is used by the vending machines. Councilman Cioni noted that 11 amps are used by the regular machines and 20 amps for the ice cream machines. Manager Phelan stated that he was able to speak to the vending machine company and they did fix the machines and paid the borough \$299 that was owed. Councilman Boyle stated that recreation would like to discuss umpire fees and how these fees are paid out.

Councilman Higgins stated that he had received a complaint that there were people swimming in the pool before it was open. He also questioned the correspondence sent to the recreation committee. He asked the Borough Manager if the correspondence was in place of the phone call. Councilman Higgins stated he would discuss this with the Borough Manager later. He stated that he was under the impression that once the Borough borrowed the money for the TANS that we would be in better shape financially. It appears to him that we are not. Manager Phelan stated that it's a cash flow problem and the taxes are coming in slowly. He stated we don't have enough money in the bank to pay bills and reimburse ourselves. We are playing catch up. Manager Phelan also stated that he has reached out to the state to discuss the status of extraordinary aid. No word yet.

Councilwoman Gleba thanked Council for their confidence in her.

Mayor McDonald welcomed Councilwoman Gleba.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Boyle, seconded by Higgins that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk

